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MEAT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the processing of value-added meat and meat products and poultry products is very low and is about one per cent of the total meat production;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a low processing capacity for high value-added meat products; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken during the current Five Yea Plan period to increase the processing of high value- added meat products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c): The low processing of value-added meat and meat products and poultry products is due to lack of modern facilities available with the abattoirs and also need for high capital investment for the establishment of meat processing plants. The Government has initiated Plan Schemes forthe Development of Meat, Poultry and Egg Processingin the country. A Scheme for Modernisation/Upgradation of Abattoir has also been initiated.